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**RICHMOND, VA., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1903.**

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AND WILL FOLLOW YOUR WIFE  
BEFORE THE FIRST OF NEXT MONTH.

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Was Absolutely in Control  
and Conducted Matters as  
it Saw Fit—To-day's Ses-  
sion to be Interesting  
and Probably Lengthy.

## IN THE SHADOW OF THE AXE

# WILL FIGHT DEATH GAME FOR PANAMA SUDDENLY

Colombians Determined Not to Give Up Without Struggle to Bitter End. Major Charles R. Skinner Stricken With Paralysis—Lived Three Hours.

TROOPS ARE ENCOUNTERED | A BRILLIANT WAR RECORD

Commander Protests Against Presence of American War Fought Gallantly Four Years  
Interesting Story of Escape From Federal Prison

(By Associated Press.)

COLON, December 17.—The United States cruiser Atlanta, Commander William H. Turner, returned here last night of Major Charles R. Skinner, one of the best known citizens of Richmond, will bring deep sorrow to his host of friends and acquaintances.

December 15th, a detachment of Colombian troops, numbering visually about 500 men but, according to their statement, 1,000, landed at the mouth of the Gulf of Darien. She discovered, and acquainted.

Major Skinker was stricken with paralysis while talking with some friends in Thomas L. Alfried and Son's office.

men, totalling 1,500 to 2,000 men, at Titumati, on the eastern side of the gulf, just north of the mouth of the Atrato

The commander of the Atlanta sent ashore an officer, who conversed with the Colombian commander. The latter pro-

tested energetically against the presence of American warships in Colombian waters, inasmuch as war between Colombia and the United States had not been de-

declared, and politely requested the Atlanta to leave the gulf, because it belonged to Colombia. Commander Turner ignored the request, and the Atlanta returned to the Gulf of Mexico.

The Colombians are clearly busy with protective and strengthening measures. Although they treated the Americans courteously, they declared they resembled

the presence of the Atlanta's landing party. The Colombian force was composed of the men landed recently at the Atrato River by the Colombian cruisers

Early in the morning of December 15th the Atlanta sighted a small schooner in the center of the Gulf of Durlan and followed her to the western shore, where the

lowered her to the water. The schooner attempted to hide behind an islet. Lieutenant Harlan P. Perrill, of the Atlanta, was ordered to board her, whereupon a whaleboat was lowered and

pulled towards the schooner. Through the courtesy of the naval officers the correspondent of the Associated Press ac-

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**BISHOP RANDOLPH SPEAKS TO-NIGHT**

Annual Meeting of Virginia His- Movement to Have Reunion c

1905 Held in the Monumental City.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

To-night at the Y. M. C. A. hall one of the chief literary events of the winter will take place. Bishop A. M. Ham-

dolph, a gentleman whose learning and eloquence are far famed, will deliver the annual address before the Virginia Historical Society. Doubtless a brilliant audience is meeting with approval of many of the leading business men here regardless of their affiliations with either the North or the South.

The annual meeting of the Virginia

Historical Society will begin at 8 o'clock this evening in the Y. M. C. A. hall, and not in the hall of the House of Delegates, as first determined. President W. Gor-

don McCabe will present his report for the year, which will no doubt be very interesting. It will be an admirable

paper, as all feel assured, coming from Captain McCabe, one of the finest scholars of the country.

Rev. William Meade Clark, rector of St. James Church. He will discuss the "Educational Functions of Historical Study."

a theme unusually broad and well calculated to give the audience an opportunity of seeing the speaker's versatile powers in the development of it.

The public is cordially invited by the society to attend this meeting and hear Bishop Randolph.

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